

Now John is raring to go

JOHN Delaney starts training with Wycombe Wanderers this week — and he's raring to go. John, who has spent the last two seasons with Third Division Bournemouth, decided recently to rejoin his former club, where he spent four years before signing professional terms.

Centre half Delaney, who entered the professional game at the age of 32, began his days with Bournemouth in fine style and played 15 consecutive games before a rib injury cost him his place. After that, he shared the centre half role with Neil Merrick.

John recalled a pre-season friendly with Wolves as one of his best performances. "We went out on the park and I looked up to see Derek Dougan and John Richards facing me . . . I thought what am I doing here! We drew that match 1-1".

The former Wycombe skipper reacted strongly to suggestions he was past his best at the age of 34. "I think I'm a better player than I was before at Wycombe. I learnt a lot from the professional

game and I've still got lots to offer. Everyone's goals tally goes down when opposing players get to know you, but I will be fully fit when Wanderers' first match comes round.

"I will be travelling 90 miles from Dorset to train at Bisham Abbey in the next two weeks and that shows you how keen I am to be playing with Wycombe again. I have always taken training deadly seriously and I'm playing for the love of the game and because of my feelings for Wycombe Wanderers. I certainly did not come back to Wycombe for the money — if I had wanted that, I would have gone somewhere else. No, I've come back to play for the Wanderers and I think I can do a good job for them".